CHAPTER XII--MISCELLANEOUS.

(i) Muzrai

731. The number of Muzrai Institutions in the State at the end of the year was 15,682. Of these, 14,724 were temples, 75 Jain basthis, 408 Muslim institutions, 388 mutts, 6 rest houses, 52 chattrams and 3 other religious institutions. Twenty-five mutts were under Government management.

Expenditure.

732. The income from the various Muzrai institutions was Rs. 17,11,418 (Rs. 16,83,612). The expenditure of these institutions amounted to Rs. 13,48,834 (Rs. 13,76,600). The closing balance at the end of the year was Rs. 38,82,432 (Rs. 35,19,847).

733. An aggregate sum of Rs. 83,382 was realised during the year from jatras and cattle shows.

Chattram Savings Fund.

734. The Chattram Savings Fund had an opening balance of Rs. 1,41,823. The income and expenditure were Rs. 54,421 and Rs. 1,16,654 respectively, leaving a balance of Rs. 79,589 at the end of the year.

735. Special prayers were offered in all the Muzrai Institutions on the Birthday of His Highness the Maharaja. The important Utsavams, jatras and car festivals and the urus of Nawab Tippu Sultan and Nawab Hyder Ali Khan at Gumbuz were conducted satisfactorily.

736. The Sri Sringeri Mutt and its properties continued to be under Government management. His Holiness the Senior Swamigalu was "Antharmukha" for some time; and while he was "Bahirmukha", a number of disciples had darshan of His Holiness. The investment of the funds of Sri Sringeri Mutt to the tune of Rs. 2,42,000 towards the construction of houses in the compound of Sri Shankara Mutt, Bangalore City, was sanctioned in April 1950. Further proposals regarding the construction of three types of houses out of the mutt funds in the said area at an estimated cost of Rs. 6,00,000 so as to fetch a permanent income of about Rs. 3,000 per month to the Mutt were under consideration.

737. The Special Research Committee constituted for the conservation of Sri Gomateswara Image at Sravanabelagola in August 1949 was engaged in examining the

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condition of the image in order to take measures necessary for the conservation of the idol.

738. A budget allotment of Rs. 1,75,000 was sanctioned under "13 Muzrai—3, Construction and repairs to Muzrai Institutions" out of State Funds.

739. The two Central Acts (1) The Charitable Endowments Act and (2) The Charitable and Religious Trusts Acts have been brought into force in the State from 1st April 1951.

740. "Sudharshana Japa" and "Shanigraha Homa" were performed for 48 days in Melkote during the months of February and March 1951 as desired by the Palace authorities.

741. Arrangements were made for tree-planting in the open spaces in front and round about temples as also in the temple lands.

742. The succession of Sri Madhavacharya to the peetha of Sri Vadiraja Mutt, Sodhe, Udipi, was sanctioned in February 1951.

743. The cash grant of Sri Rambhapuri Mutt, Balehonnur, Chikmagalur Taluk, was enhanced from Rs. 203-10-0 per annum to Rs. 1,200 per annum.

744. The total amount of endowments made by private individuals for the benefit of the instituitions or for religious or charitable purposes amounted to Rs. 97,000.

745. The feeding of Non-Brahmin pilgrims at the Mysore State Charities, Thirupati, and the State Chattram at Benares at an estimated cost of Rs. 17,465 and Rs. 2,395 per annum respectively was sanctioned in February 1951.

(ii) Archæology.

746. Inspection and survey tours of ancient monuments were undertaken in several parts of the State. Several inscriptions were collected and important sculptures, monuments and sites were noticed.

747. In addition to the inspection and study of ancient temples the work of exploration of ancient sites was also done wherever possible with promising results.

748. The most important measure undertaken during the year for the conservation of ancient monuments was the protection of megalithic sites in the Mysore State on the